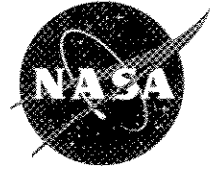


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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the George C. Marshall Institute (GMI) 2008 Annual Celebration and Awards Dinner on September 15, 2008

On September 15, 2008, the George C. Marshall Institute (GMI) will host its annual Celebration and Awards Dinner at the Willard Intercontinental in Washington, DC. GMI is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to encourage the use of sound science in making public policy about important issues for which science and technology are major considerations. GMI studies a wide range of public policy issues involving the environment, national defense, and space security. At the dinner, GMI will present its annual Founder's Award to Dr. Bruce Ames, professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the University of California, Berkeley, and a senior scientist at children's Hospital Oakland Research Institute. The Founder's Award is awarded annually in recognition of outstanding contributions to science and public policy. Senator Jon Kyl of Arizona and James Connaughton, Chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality will address the audience on challenges and opportunities facing the U.S. in the years ahead.

I find that this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g). The event will bring together approximately 200 congressional and Administration officials, policy makers, diplomats, and representatives of industry, associations, and public policy institutes. The estimated cost of the dinner is \$90 per person.

I further determine that there is Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event so that NASA invitees and their guests may attend the event without charge. This event will allow NASA employees to discuss space-related, science, and public policy matters of Agency interest with a wide-range of people in government and private sectors.

Any NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the George C. Marshall Institute, such as by way of procurement duties or the negotiation of an agreement, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam F. Greenstone".

Adam F. Greenstone